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ASYLUMS FOR THE POOR.

Familiar Features of Charitable Work in Berlin.

Refuge for the Unemployed Fitted Up Under the Arches of an Elevated Railroad Structure—A Model Permanent Asylum.

(Special Berlin Letter)

A peculiar feature of Berlin charity are the asylums for unemployed or temporarily embarrassed persons of both sexes. There is quite a number of these asylums, and they differ in accommodations, size, nature of hospitality offered, and in the character of those seeking refuge in them. Some of these asylums are maintained at municipal expense, others are kept up and more started entirely by private enterprise. The large number of these asylums, both municipal and private, are closed during eight months of the year and only kept open in winter, a very wise and practical move, since in this manner a regular and large body of professional loafers is not sheltered at public expense, nor trained and nursed. But during the winter, say from December 1 till April 1, the army of honest, deserving unemployed every year normally rises to such height that asylums of the kind spoken of are an actual blessing, nay, a social necessity. According to the census of December 1, 1895, there were almost 225,000 unemployed in Berlin that day, men and women and youths thrown out of work by the rigors of the season named. On June 15 of the same year the number of said unemployed—meaning bona fide ones—was on the other hand, but 45,000, in round numbers.

Quite peculiar to Berlin are those winter asylums called here "Stadt-baerhöfen," i. e., fitted up, in different thickly settled districts of the city, in arches of the elevated city railway. This railway, a state and municipal affair, rests on a magnificent foundation

At a visit I made them recently I had pointed out, by one of the attendants, a few of the more notable "guests" of the establishment. Among them was a former university professor, whose majestic head and hair of snowy white ill acceded with his brick-red complexion and alcoholistic breath—he was a hopeless inebriate. And there were other cases nearly as pathetic, young men of high education, but blasted prospects; middle-aged men, once state officials or merchants, but now were wrecks and ruins. Among them, too, there were faces of the well-known criminal type, such as Lombroso Muge has loved to describe. But the bulk of the inmates were, quite evidently, simply unfortunate, out of work and elbows.

There are, of course, asylums here maintained the year through. But of special interest are, I think, a series of shelter houses for decent unemployed, built and kept up by private charity alone. These have all been built during the past five years, and they are very much alike in their general character, all of them being decidedly superior to the municipal asylums above described. The most recent one of them, just finished in November and now put into actual operation, I looked into the other day. It is situated in Wiesenthal, five minutes' walk from the "L" road station Wedding. I have no hesitation in saying that in its way it is a model institution.

This asylum is built to accommodate 700 adult male persons. There are 14 bedrooms, and containing 50 beds. The frontage of the whole structure is 227 feet, and throughout it is constructed, quite tastefully, of masonry and brick. The interior arrangements are as follows: Through the broad portal one steps into a vast hall, well aired and lighted, and heated with steam. In this hall new arrivals must wait, then up and take their ease until attended to. Registry formalities gone through with, each of the new arrivals has to take a warm bath, 80 persons being accommodated in each of the two large

MRS. PINKHAM'S VICTORY

Straightforward Declaration by Mrs. Sidney Hamlet.

Alleg Since Junction of Girlhood and Womanhood—Cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound—Physicians Pronounced the Case "Prolapsus Uteri"—Could Not Walk Without Pain—Words Inadequate to Express Her Gratitude for Relief Received.

REP. HOUSE, VA.—To Mrs. Pinkham: "My heart goes out in sympathy to all who are suffering with troubles peculiar to the female sex. I would like to express my gratitude for what your Vegetable Compound has done for me. I have been a sufferer since girlhood, did not then know the cause of dreadful sick headaches and other troubles. I could not take long walks, lift or carry anything heavy, and was very nervous. Last summer I was almost an invalid, could not walk across my room without pain. I sent for our physician. He pronounced my case a bad one of 'Prolapsus Uteri,' congestion and ulceration of the womb, and said I was to lie a-bed. I was so distressed to find myself so helpless and useless to my family, I saw your Compound advertised and thought I would try it. I took fourteen bottles and used the Sanative Wash and Pills as directed, and now I am as strong as I ever was, and do all my own housework. I can walk more than a mile without any inconvenience. Oh! I am truly grateful. I cannot write the good you have done me. Words are inadequate to express it. May God bless you for the good you are doing, Mrs. Sidney Hamlet, Red House, Va."

This case is a good illustration of perseverance and faith. Mrs. Hamlet's sickness was severe, it took courage and patience to master the disease, but in good time the Compound produced the happy result as it will always do. The more difficult the case, however, the longer it will take to cure it—many women lose courage before the medicine has time to thoroughly "take hold" of the system.

GREAT CLOSING OUT SALE

AT

Leonard's Departm't Store

Am going out of business and must close out my stock immediately. We are offering the greatest bargains ever offered in Decatur. Seeing is believing; come and see and be convinced.

We have big bargains to offer you in our DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT.

Children's Hosiery reduced from 10c to 5c pair. Fine Large and Small Spreads at 10c. Ladies' Linen at 25c and up. Best Table Cloth at 15c a yard. Gent's Heavy Cotton Stockings reduced from 10c to 5c per pair.

We have some special bargains to offer in Ladies' Dress Stock; Black Novelty and Shepard Cloth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75, \$4.00, \$4.25, \$4.50, \$4.75, \$5.00.

Dresses of all kinds made to order at very low prices.

We have a large stock of Remanents to be closed out at a bargain.

We are offering the greatest bargains in GROCERIES.

Corn, Peaches, Peas, Blackberries, Squash, Pumpkins,.....to per can
50 lb. Sack Flour.....\$1.00
Fine Northern Potatoes.....\$0.50 per lb.
Maple Syrup reduced from 10c to 15c gal.
2lb. Granulated Sugar for.....\$1.00
Hick Cola.....15c to 25c per lb
Gum Powder Tea reduced from 10c to 15c per lb
Tart Soap formerly 10c, now.....10c per bar
Catumet Soap.....10c to bars for 25c
25 lbs. Prunes for.....\$0.50
Extra Large Herring.....10c each
Great Bargains in our SHOE DEPT.

Leonard's Department Store,

33 N. Water St.—New Phone 218.

Locked in a Mysterious Sleep.

LEON ZANZIC,
The Oriental Prophet,

Predicts the Future Fate of Individuals and Tells Them the Outcome of Their Daily Affairs.

NOTHING LIKE IT EVER WITNESSED ON EARTH.

It matters not what your belief may be, nor what your experience with mediums, mind readers, nor fake clairvoyants may have been, Leon Zanzic will convince you that the future CAN BE TOLD.

Not a Fortune Teller nor a fake clairvoyant, but a son of nature whose soul drops its mortal shackles and wanders into the labyrinth of space and time, and meets the skeletons of your past, the roseate shadows of your future, and returns to warn and advise you for your OWN GOOD.

He tells names, dates, facts and figures concerning your most private affairs, your most secret wishes, in a manner that furnishes staggering proofs of his wonderful power to unfold the secrets of the mystic future. 2,700 testimonials from Chicago's best business people, 700 from St. Louis, 2,000 from New York, all open to rigid investigation, show the past record of this marvelous man. Advice on love, marriage, divorce, business moves, changes, positions, speculations, family troubles and all affairs of life.

Fee this week, 50c and \$1.00.

Hours 9 to 9. Parlors so arranged you meet no callers. 120 East North St., Revere House.

SILK CURTAINS.

We are now prepared to weave Silk Curtains. In preparing the silk it should be cut as even as possible a scant one half inch wide, sewing the ends neatly and winding in balls as for rag carpet.

We also weave Rugs from old Ingrain or Brussels carpet. Also weave and sell home-made rag and chain carpet.

CHAS. PFISTER,
South Side Lincoln Square, 2d Floor.

Bleached and
Unbleached Muslins.

Bales of 36-inch Brown Muslin at.....	3c yd
Extra Fine 36-inch Brown Muslin at.....	4c yd
Genuine Lonsdale Bleached Muslin at.....	5c yd
Fruit of the Loom Bleached Muslin at.....	5½c yd

50-inch All Linen Table Damask at.....	22½c yard
56-inch Turkey Red Table Damask, 40c quality, at.....	25c yard
54-inch All Linen Table Damask at.....	25c yard
63-inch Heavy Cream Table Linen at.....	40c yard
10 Patterns of Choice Bleached Table Linen at.....	50c yard
63-inch Bleached Table Linen at.....	58c yard
72-inch Heavy Cream Damask, choice patterns, at.....	58c yard
70-inch Bleached Damask Linen, Napkins to match.....	75c yard
100 dozen Extra Value All Linen Huck Towels.....	12½c and 15c each
50 dozen All Linen Twill Kitchen Towels at.....	10c each
50 Choice Bleached All Linen Table Napkins.....	\$1.25 dozen
Unbleached Sheetings, 2½ yards wide, at.....	10c yard
Unbleached Sheetings, 2½ yards wide, at.....	12½c yard
Extra Fine Sheetings, Unbleached, 2½ yards wide, at.....	15c yard
Bleached Sheetings, 2½ yards wide, at.....	15c yard
Extra Fine Bleached Sheetings, 2½ yards wide, at.....	18c yard
Pillow Cases, Bleached, 42x36 inch, at.....	10c each
Pillow Cases, Bleached, 42x36 inch, Extra Quality, at.....	12½c each
Pillow Cases, Bleached and Hemstitched, 45x36 inch, at.....	15c each
Sheets Ready-Made, Bleached, 2½ yards wide, at.....	38c each
Sheets Ready-Made, Bleached, 2½ yards wide, at.....	53c each

SMOKE AND
DAMAGE

Goods Only Slightly
damaged
are Selling at
HALF PRICE

Everything advertised
the least bit damaged
are ready for inspection

BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Where most of the

Overcoats, Ulster
Suits, Pants, Underwear

Most of them only soil

NEARLY ONE-HALF PRICE

Ottenheim

The Progressive Clothiers, Haas & Ottenheim
Telephone 182.

BICYCLE REPAIRS

Now is the time to have your bicycle repaired for the season's riding. Don't wait until the weather comes and you want to use it.

We are Prepared to Do All Kinds of Work
Including Enameling

Make a new wheel out of an old one. Enameling in a new color. A class job and for less money

MOREHOUSE & CO.

Know All About Us

THAT we are now located at 100 Water Street (first door) in the largest shoe store in the city.

HONEST WEAR

in Central Illinois. Plenty of room to move about. Make our store your place to meet friends and neighbors. Anything you want in an article of clothing.

....SOLE AGENTS

"SNAG-PROOF" RUGS

It's your store and our store.

WALTER CAREY

Baby Carriages...

75 Different
Styles.

We are Exclusive Agents for the celebrated Gendron Buggies. Their styles are the best, and with their BALL-BEARING Bicycle Wheels they make the most satisfactory carriage in the market to-day. The clinched rubber tire is guaranteed never to come off.



Don't buy your Buggy until
you see this line.

Bachman Bros. & Martin Co.

ONE BLOCK EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

Safety Deposit Boxes for the use of those wishing to secure places for their Bonds, Mortgages, Notes, Insurance Policies, etc.

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..... 3c yd
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Carriages....



Agents for
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GEARING Bi-
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never to come

Buy your Buggy until
you see this line.

Bros. & Martin Co.

EAST OF MILLIKIN BANK.

SMOKE AND WATER DAMAGE SALE.

*Goods Only Slightly Soiled
are Selling at Nearly
HALF PRICE.*

Everything advertised will be sold that's
the least bit damaged. Goods now
are ready for inspection.

BOYS' DEPARTMENT

Where most of the damage occurred,

*Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefs,
Suits, Pants, Underwear, Etc.*

Most of them only soiled, will be sold at

NEARLY ONE-HALF PRICE.

Ottenheimer & Co.

The Progressive Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

Telephone 182.

MASONIC TEMPLE

BICYCLE REPAIRING

Now is the time to have your Wheel put in order for
the season's riding. Don't put it off till good weather
comes and you want to use it.

We are Prepared to Do All Kinds of Work,
Including Enameling

Make a new wheel out of your old one by having it
enamored in a new color. We can give you a first-
class job and for less money than you can send it away.

MOREHOUSE & WELLS CO.

Know All Men,

THAT we are now located at 139 North
Water Street (first door north of Race's).
Largest Shoe Store and largest stock of

HONEST WEAR SHOES

in Central Illinois. Plenty of room; plenty
of welcome. Make our store your stopping
place to meet friends and wait for cars.
Anything you want in an honest shoe.....

....SOLE AGENTS FOR....

"SNAG PROOF" RUBBER BOOTS.

It's YOUR store and OUR store.

WALTER HUTCHIN,
CARETAKER OF YOUR FEET.

HAVE YOU TRIED—
CHASE & SANBORN'S
COFFEES?

Sold Only at—

"The Economy,"
221 North Water Street.

LOCAL NEWS.

Read Riley & Mann's Bargain Bulletin.—d&w

Just like summer—more showers this
morning, and garden making sunshine.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of
bread, cakes, pies, etc. June 22-d&w

Smoke the famous Leda, a fine 10 cent-
er, made by John Weigand. Moh 95 c.

Rev. M. B. Spald of the United Brethren
church, preached at Clinton last
night.

The Grand Opera House cigars made
by Johnny Weigand are the best in town.
Moh 25-d&w

Tender roast beef with brown gravy
served at noon daily at Singleton's restaur-
ant.—Oct 21-d&w

Gentlemen's Spring Tan and Ox-
blood shoes, \$2.00 and \$5.00 a pair.
4-d&w Power's Shoe Store.

Buy your garden, flower and field seeds
of Dan Culp, the old reliable seedsmen.
fresh stock and all varieties of garden seed
in bulk. No. 223 North Main street.
Durfee & Culp.—1-d&w

A grocer in St. Louis has hit upon a
novel way of increasing his trade. He
sends a female representative to the house
of his patrons to take the morning order,
and she suggests lots of nice and expen-
sive things that just hit the fancy of cus-
tomers.

J. M. Hughes & Co. at Durfee &
Bros.' old stand have a choice stock
of fresh garden and flower seeds.
Give them a call. Feb 23-d&w

At her home on East Eldorado street
this evening Mrs. K. Harwood will enter-
tain the young men who took part in the
minstrel performance for the benefit of
All Angels' church. The entertainment
will consist of a dinner and the perform-
ers are looking forward to a very enjoya-
ble evening.

No better soft coal in this market than
Lincoln or Riverton. Lincoln is the hard-
est of any coal within 100 miles of Decatur
and the harder the coal the longer it will
burn. Hard coal all sizes, always in
stock at market price. Up town office,
Irwin's drug store, office and yard \$60
North Broadway, old phone 433, new
phone 435. M. F. Metz.—21-d&w

Gross earnings of the Wabash road for
the fourth week in February were \$924,
570, against \$283,002 for the correspond-
ing week last year, a decrease of \$54,442.
From July 1 to Feb. 28 gross earnings of
the road have been \$7,811,079, against
\$8,880,970 for the corresponding period in
the previous year, a decrease of \$1,048,
998, while the decrease in operating ex-
penses for the same period was \$783,000;
a decrease in net earnings of \$305,998.

Ladies' and Children's made-up
dresses, cloaks and capes chemically
dyed, cleaned and pressed with
ripping apart. Chenille and Portier
Curtains dyed and dry cleaned, at
Miller's Steam Dye House and Dry
Cleaning Works, 145 N. Main street

The American Land company who own
large tracts of land around Houston and
Galveston in the La Porte country of Texas
have made arrangements for a special
tourist sleeper from St. Louis to La Porte
to leave St. Louis Wednesday, March 17.
The use of the car will be free to all buy
tickets to the La Porte country. One fare
plus \$3 for the round trip. For particu-
lars call on C. A. Pollok, P. and T. A.,
Wabash railroad.—5 d to 17.

A long delayed transfer has been filed
in the recorder's office of the lot now oc-
cupied by the National bank of Decatur,
owned by John Ulrich. The lot was at
one time occupied by the First M. E.
church and at the time it was sold to the
present owners the trustees all signed it,
but did not sign it in their official capacity
as trustees. The title for this reason
was faulty, and to correct the title the
new deed properly signed was filed a few
days ago.

THERE ARE OTHERS,
But none like Edwin Clapp's Men's
Fine Shoes, Colored Russia Calf,
Colored Kid, Patent Leather, English
Enamel and French Calf. Most every
well-dressed gentleman wears them.
Why don't you? New Spring styles,
shapes, sizes and widths to fit every
one. See them in our window. Sold
only by FOLKART & HARDY,
Largest Retailers of Footwear in De-
catur, Sign of the Old Cobbler in
Window. March 5 d&w

Good Bread
Is Never Wasted...

The Foundation is Good Flour.

HINKLE'S
BEST... FLOUR

Will make Whiter and Better Bread than any
flour made. Try one sack. Ask your grocery-
man for it, or call up 550 and we will see
you get a sack of the best quick.

HINKLE'S BEST.

PHONE NOS. 550.

UNDER THE WHEELS.

Tragic Death of Miss Isabelle Ful-
ton, a Well-Known School
Teacher.

WAS IN ILL HEALTH AND DESPONDENT

Body Crushed Under the Cars of a
Freight Train at Reading, Pa.

—Particulars of the
Shocking Affair.

Last evening the Republican received a
telegram from Chicago stating that Miss

Isabella Fulton of Decatur, had thrown
herself in front of a train yesterday at
Reading, Pa., and had been killed. There
were no particulars and it was at a late
hour last night before the details of the
affair could be obtained.

Miss Fulton was a daughter of Mrs.
Sarah J. Fulton, widow of Mr. George
W. Fulton, whose home is at 1153 North
Water street. Her sisters are Mrs. Laura
Corley, wife of Attorney D. C. Corley,
Miss Araminta Fulton, teacher in the
Girls' High school at Reading, Pa., and
her brothers are George B. Fulton and
William Fulton. It is learned that about
a week ago Miss Fulton was in Decatur
on a visit, having given up her school in
Chicago on account of ill health. Since
girlhood she had been of a very nervous
temperament, and finally she thought it
best to take a rest. When she left home
it was to go to Reading, Pa., to visit her
sister. It was her purpose to return to
the city.

Story of the Fatality.

This is the story of the fatality as relat-
ed in a telegram sent out from Chicago
last night:

Miss Isabella Fulton, head teacher in the
Hammond school, at Twenty-first place,
near California avenue, Chicago, threw
herself in front of a freight train at Read-
ing, Pa., and was cut to pieces. For a
time her identity was unknown, but a
slip of paper found in the folds of her
dress with her name and number of her
house at which she was staying showed
her rash act to be premeditated.

Three weeks ago Miss Fulton was in
her place at the Hammond school. Then
her physician, Dr. P. S. Whidden, and
Superintendent Subin of the city schools,
prevailed upon her to take a vacation as
she was suffering from nervous prostra-
tion induced by overwork. She reluctantly
accepted a leave of absence and went to
her old home in Decatur for a visit with her mother. Later she went
on a visit to her sister, Miss Minta Fulton,
in Reading. But her mental condition
did not improve. She grew more de-
spondent every day. Her sister, who is a
teacher in the Girls' high school in Read-
ing, begged her to accompany her to
school thinking a walk would serve to divert
her gloomy thoughts. She went
willingly enough and parted with Minta
at the door of the school and turning,
walked slowly back.

A little while afterward a special po-
liceman walking down the Pennsylvania
street saw a stylishly dressed and pretty
woman walking along the bank between
the railroad and the canal north of the
Pennsylvania depot. Two or three times
the woman stopped and looked in the di-
rection of the canal, and once she walked
to the edge of the embankment and stood
looking down into the dark muddy wa-
ters of the canal.

Once she made a motion as though she
would jump in and the policeman ran to-
ward her. Then she drew back and con-
tinued walking unconcerned along the
tracks. The policeman stopped and stood
 irresolute. A freight train came rushing
along at the rate of thirty miles an hour,
but the woman did not seem to pay any
attention to it. She was on the opposi-
te track to the one the freight train was on
and in no danger, so the policeman was
about to turn and go back when he saw
the woman lift her head and look up at
the train, now only a few yards away
from her.

Then she sprang across the rails and
threw herself down on the track in front
of the engine. Almost every car in the
train passed over her before the engineer
could stop the train. Three or four pity-
ing trainmen raised her mangled body
from the track and carried it to an under-
taker's and an effort was made to discover
the identity of the woman. For some
time it remained a mystery, but a thor-
ough search of the woman's dress dis-
closed in the fold of a skirt a small slip
of paper with the words, "Isabel Fulton,
336 North Fifth street," traced across it
in a fine hand.

A messenger was sent to the address
and from there to the Girl's high school
and a little later Minta Fulton was weep-
ing over the body of her sister. Last
night the news of Miss Fulton's death
was received by her former associates in
Chicago.

Miss Fulton had been a teacher in the
Chicago schools for six years. After
teaching in primary grades for four years,
her merit being recognized, she was ap-
pointed head assistant of the Hammond
school two years ago. Miss Fulton's
friends and associates say she was of the
brightest and most optimistic tempera-
ment in spite of her mental suffering and
her suicide must have been due to sudden

mental aberration. Her age was 38.
Graduated in Decatur.

Miss Fulton went through the Decatur
schools, graduating with high honors.
She became a teacher at the Jackson and
Church street schools and was principal
of the Church street school for a time.
She was a very bright young woman and
the fact that she taught in the Oak park
and Chicago schools for nearly eight years
is proof of her ability. It is not believed
by her relatives that she went away with
suicide in her mind. Her visit was to
give her rest. If Miss Fulton did throw
herself in front of the train it was done
while her mind was temporarily unbal-
anced. She sent letters home from Read-
ing, but in none of them did she intimate
that she intended violence to herself.
Miss Fulton will be remembered by scores
of former pupils of the ward schools where
she had taught. All loved and admired
her, and will be shocked to learn of her
tragic death.

The funeral will be held at 2:30 o'clock
tomorrow afternoon from the residence
of Mrs. Heiner, in Reading. Rev. Dr.
Tincher will conduct the services.
Owing to the body being so badly man-
gled the interment will be at Reading
Will Fulton left for that city last night to
attend the funeral. The body will be
brought to Decatur for interment this
week.

At The Grand.
Beach & Bowers' Minstrels.
Two nights of professional burnt cork
minstrelsy and music Friday and Saturday
nights, Beach & Bowers' minstrels at
10, 20 and 30 cents. Don't fail to be at
the Grand.

"The Brand of Cain."

This play will be given on the night of
Monday, March 15.

VIOLET CAMP AT BLUE MOUND

The Officers Elected—Instituted by Mrs.
Lizzie Grist, S. D.

On last evening at Blue Mound Su-
preme Deputy Mrs. Lizzie Grist, assisted
by the degree staff of Olive Branch camp,
R. N. of A., No. 318, instituted Violet
Camp, Blue Mound, with thirty-two char-
ter members. The following officers were
elected for the ensuing term:

Oracle—Mrs. Dr. A. C. Foster,
Vice Oracle—Mrs. H. L. Ferguson,
Receiver—Mrs. F. W. Wood,
Chancellor—Mrs. E. E. Stuber,
Recorder—Mrs. J. A. Gleason,
Marshal—Mrs. Randal,
Inner Sentinel—Mrs. Morgan,
P. Oracle—Mrs. Mathews,
Camp Physician—Dr. A. C. Foster,
Manager—E. E. Stuber.

The following members of Olive Branch
Camp assisted in doing the work: Messrs.
Charles Regnold, S. Dentsler, F. Zim-
merly, I. D. Stine and their wives, Mes-
sengers James Keown, H. M. Wood, Doug-
Shippard, H. J. Votaw, Elizaboth Leib,
Clayton Clements, John Spillman, A. T.
Grist, C. Rea, Hattie Martin, L. N.
Cope, Nicholson and Misses Retha Roark
and Bessie Grist. All of the visitors were
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bors of Blue Mound, represented by Vio-
let Camp.

Appreciation.

A writer of exceptionally good sense
has said: "We remember the quality long
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TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1897.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Chicago, March 9.—Fair, colder to-
night; Wednesday, fresh northerly winds.

More Money in Circulation.

Chicago Post: If there was any actual relation between the quantity of money in circulation and national prosperity we would now be on a flood tide. For more than a twelvemonth now the amount of money in circulation in the United States has been steadily on the increase. July 1, 1896, about the time the Chicago platform was in the process of incubation and the mouth of the Popoat was full of demands for more of the circulating medium, the total money in circulation in the United States was \$1,599,275,300, making \$21.16 per capita on an estimated popula-
tion of 71,390,000.

November 1, 1896, on the eve of the election, when the people of the United States were to give their verdict against a debased and depreciated currency, the money in circulation was \$1,627,055,613, making \$23.63 per capita on an estimated popula-
tion of 71,902,000.

March 1, 1897, on the eve of McKinley's inauguration, the total money in cir-
culation in the United States had risen to the unprecedented sum of \$1,675,684,953, making \$24.14 per capita on an estimat-
ed population of 72,418,000.

To fully appreciate this increase of the money in circulation in the United States it is only necessary to say that in the last ten months it amounts to \$165,069,753, or more than \$2 per capita of the entire population.

While the absolute circulation has passed all previous high water marks, the per capita circulation is still \$1.30 below that of 1892, just before the panic. But the per capita is now higher than it was in 1892 or any year in the history of the re-
public prior to that. Then why are the times not good as they were along in the late eighties? Simply because good times depend on public confidence and industrial activity, and not on the amount of money in circulation. This is simply the teaching of the old proverb that the nimble sixpence is better than a slow shilling.

McKinley's Bridal Trip.

Says the New York World: On the eve of his marriage, twenty-seven years ago, William McKinley wrote this letter:

"Office of William McKinley, Jr., attorney and counsellor to law, Canton, O., Jan. 5, 1870.—Hon. J. A. Ambler, Washington, D. C.: My Dear Judge—I expect to be in Washington on one of the last days of this month. I will not be alone. I write to inquire where I shall stop—the best place.

"Everything is as usual here. Truly yours, William McKinley, Jr."

By means of this letter it was arranged that Mr. McKinley and his bride should stop at the Ebbitt house, where they were assigned to a modest, plain room, fitted up with old-style hair-covered mahogany furniture.

The Transvaal republic shows that it appreciates, the advantage it has over Great Britain as a result of the Jameson raid by demanding nearly eight million dollars as its indemnity, not including the hundreds of private claims which many yet be put in. The raid was so unjustifiable and the attitude of those who participated in it and instigated it has been so arrogant that everyone will hope that President Kruger will maintain his position with true Boer stubbornness and insist upon getting the entire amount.

The most encouraging feature about the New York bank statement for the past week is the fact that at last the loans have begun to increase. For many months the deposits have been increasing rapidly, but the loans have not, resulting in a tremendous hoard of idle money. It had been anticipated that as soon as the change of administration took place these funds would be in demand to revitalize the avenues of industry and commerce, and the marked change which has already taken place in that regard is most gratifying.

The promptness with which President McKinley called congress together in special session is conclusive proof that the Republicans have faith in the power of protection to American industries to restore prosperity. The country wants a revival of business and McKinley shows a determination to do what he can to set it on foot without waiting a year as would be the case if a special session were not called.

Now keep your wits about you and note this fact which is worth more than a ton of theories, namely, that the consideration of a protective tariff bill does not disturb the business of the country. The reason it does not disturb it is because such legislation is intended to aid busi-
ness instead of injure business.

Score of the Whist Game.
The members of the Decatur Club, getting in training for the game to be played with their old opponents, the Keystone club of Bloomington, had their regular go at whist last night at the club parlor. The score was:

North and South: Clark and Powers.....294 3-5 Gorin and Loun.....227 9-5 Gray and Clark.....224 4-5 Allison and Robertson.....232 3-5 Campbell and Hostetter.....232 3-5 Pratt and Roly.....217 2-5 Average.....229 2-5 East and West: Hirman and Bachrach.....236 3-6 Davis and Schroll.....240 2-5 Bruck and Wilson.....238 2-5 Hobart and Freeman.....234 2-5 Johns and Clugston.....236 2-5 Hays and Brownback.....236 1-8 Average.....238 2-5

Cycles.
Rev. Irl Hicks predicted the great St. Louis cyclone and says now that disastrous storm may be expected during March, April and May. Property owners should heed this warning and take out cyclone insurance. The cost is so little that you cannot afford to do without it. Kuny, Johns & Strohm, 124 North Water street, will write you policy while you wait in the best American companies. Don't delay.—8-11

Cure for Headache.
As a remedy for all forms of Headache Electric Bitters has proved to be the very best. It effects a permanent cure, and the most dreaded habitual sick headaches yield to its influence. We urge all who are afflicted to procure a bottle, and give this remedy a fair trial. In cases of habitual constipation Electric Bitters cures by giving the needed tone to the bowels and few cases long resist the use of this medicine. Try it once. 50c and \$1.00 at West's drugstore.

The Sons of Veterans will be pleased to see their friends at Grand Army hall Thursday night. A fine entertainment has been arranged. The public generally is invited. Comedy play, cards and refreshments. Go.

Notice to Singers.
All the members of the choral class are requested to arrange to attend rehearsal Thursday and Friday night of next week. S. M. Lutz.—6-26

Do not forget the Sons of Veterans entertainment at Grand Army hall Thursday night. "Murder Will Out" will be the comedy and there will be cards and refreshments.

Quinine.
Special low prices at West's drug store: Powers & Weightman, ounce.....50 cents Gorman, ounce.....40 cents 3-grain pills, 100.....35 cents Gum camphor, pound.....50 cents

A postoffice inspector was in Peoria last week looking for sites for the postoffice, there being some talk of removing it from its present location.

Garden Seeds.
Just received a large stock of all kinds of D. M. Ferry & Co.'s fresh bulk garden seeds, at the Spencer & Lehman Co.'s—29 E. 29th & W. 1st.

Buckskin Arrows Salvage.
The Best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by E. A. West, the druggist.

B. J. Branat has brought suit for \$2000 against the city of Champaign on account of injuries received by a fall on a defective sidewalk.

All the different forms of skin troubles, from chapped hands to eczema and indolent ulcers can be readily cured by DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, the great pile cure. A. J. Stoner & Son, Armstrong Bros. and N. L. Kroce.

The Mansfield laundry has been sold by Mrs. Killion & Son to John and Sarah Kersner, who will take possession the first of April.

The Pontiac shoe factory employs 250 people, has a daily output of 1300 pairs and the monthly payroll is \$7000 to \$8000.

J. H. Lawrence, an old settler of Logan county, died in Clinton last Friday at the age of 81.

Take the Vandalia fast train to Peoria, two hours and fifty minutes. Leaves at 11:42 a. m.

SOCIETY MEETINGS.

NIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.—Regular conven-
tion of Chevalier Bayard Lodge, No. 189, E.
P. I. P. (Tuesday evening) in their Castle
Hall, corner of Sixth and Franklin streets,
at 7:30 o'clock. Work in Rank Order.
Visiting Knights always welcome.

ALBERT H. CORE, C. L. H. SHELLY, K. of R. and S.

TRIBE OF BEN HUR.—All members of Tri-
umph Court No. 17, Tribe of Ben Hur, are
requested to meet at Dr. J. H. Eddy's office,
in Powers' New Building, at 7:30 o'clock
(Tuesday evening). All members requested to
be present. DR. J. H. EDDY, Chieft. C. S.
Powers, Scribe.

HOME FORUM.—Called meeting of Home
Forum No. 17, this evening at 7:30 o'clock
at the new P. H. Hall Building, JENNIE
HAWK, Pres't. MARY W. SEIGLER, Sec.

We are authorized to announce W. F. MAR-
TIN as a candidate for Justice of the Peace, sub-
ject to the decision of the Republican township
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DARING CIRCUS TRICKS.

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They Are Performed.

How to Climb a Ladder of Glittering
Swords with Bare Feet—Dancing
with Bare Feet on Sharp
Glass.

A writer in the Scientific American says that of all the daring tricks that have been introduced in the circus none have caused more comment than the one in which a person, generally a lady, walks with bare feet up a ladder of sharp swords, treading directly on the sharp edges without any injury to the feet.

It is amusing to a person who is acquainted with the secret to hear the many explanations of "how it is done" offered by the spectators, yet none of them ever come near guessing the truth. This secret has been so jealously and successfully guarded that very few, even among the best informed experts, know how it is performed. That the explanation is as simple as the trick is surprising, the writer will now show. From the illustration it will be seen how the swords are arranged in a rack with the cutting edges on top. The rack is usually about seven feet high, and eight swords are used. One of the most necessary points in the preparation for the trick is that the rack should stand firm and the swords fit snug and tight in the slots made to receive them.

Usually the spectators are invited to examine the rack as well as the swords, and paper is cut with the swords to show that they are really sharp. The secret is not in the swords or rack, but in the preparation of the performer's feet. In a pint of water as much alum dissolved as the water will readily take up. To the alum water is added as much sulphate of zinc as will lie on a silver dime, and thoroughly dissolved.

A few minutes before doing the act the performer bathes the feet in this solution, and allows them to dry without wiping. Just before leaving the dressing-room the feet are dipped for a moment in a cold water as can be secured, and at once wiped dry without rubbing. By lacing the feet squarely on the swords there is no danger, but great

Marriage Licences.
A. L. Niesbitt, Harristown, 26.
Mary C. Kershner, Harristown, 21.
Simon P. Hiser, Oakley, 22.
Ada M. Hedding, Oakley, 22.

The Discovery Saved His Life.

Mr. G. Gaillouette, Druggist, Beaverville, Ill., writes: "To Dr. King's New Discovery I owe my life. Was taken with La Grippe and tried all the physicians for miles about, but of no avail, and was given up and told I could not live. Having Dr. King's New Discovery in my store I sent for a bottle and began its use and from the first dose began to get better, and after using three bottles was up and about again. It is worth its weight in gold. We don't keep store or house without it." At West's Drug Store.

On leaving the circus in which one has seen the above act visitors are almost sure to see before the ever present side show a large painting on which is the representation of a Mexican dancing with bare feet in a shallow box filled with broken glass. If you are of an inquisitive nature, and have seen lady walks with bare feet up a ladder of sharp swords, you enter the side show to see this new wonder.

On a raised platform is found a box four feet long, three feet wide and six inches deep, the bottom of which is covered with broken glass. In a few moments a man dressed in the Mexican costume appears on the platform, and proceeds to break a few old bottles and throw the broken glass in the box then remove his shoes, shows his feet to be free from any covering, steps in the box and dances among the glass. After he has finished dancing he shows his feet to be unjured, and retires. The trick is performed in the following manner: Secure a number of thick glass bottles, break them in rather small pieces and file or grind all the sharp edges round. This stock of glass you place in the center of a box made according to above measurement. Now soak your feet in strong alum water and wipe dry, and give them a thorough rubbing with pulverized rosin. Dust the inside of your shoes with rosin, put them on and go upon the platform. Take some old lamp chimneys and bottles, break them in bits, and throw the fresh broken glass in the box around the edges and in the corners, not in the center. Remove your shoes, step in the center of the box among the prepared glass and do your dancing. Avoid the sides or corners of box where you have thrown the glass, and you run no risk of cutting your feet, especially if you use plenty of rosin.

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STATE OF ILLINOIS, In the Circuit
Court of MACON COUNTY, vs. Complainant, William
M. Sharp, Complainant, vs. Francis M.
Burns et al., Defendants.—In Chancery, No.
1801.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursu-
ance of the decree of the circuit court of Macon
county in the State of Illinois, entered in the
above entitled cause at the January Term of
said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, Master
Chancery of said court, will on

Wednesday, March 31st, 1897,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door
of the court house on East Wood street, in
the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale
at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for
cash in hand, subject to redemption, according
to law, the real estate to said defendants, to be
sold, being described as follows, to-wit, Lot
Five (5) in Block Thirteen (13), in the Village
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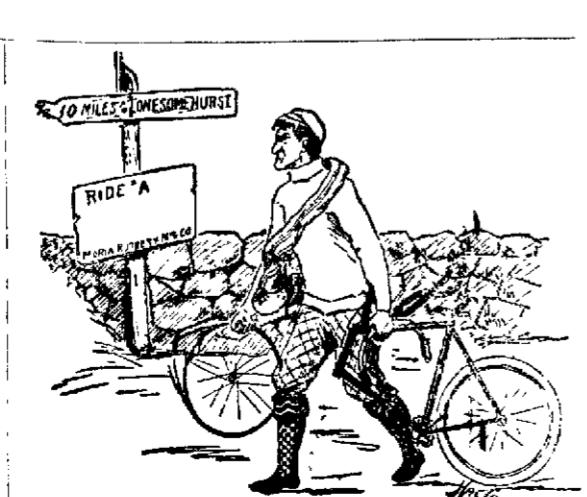
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of them, and can get you almost any kind of a trade. Espe-
cially notice their circulars on the country across
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see us in Millikin bank building, Decatur, Ills.
BOLEN & LANNING.

RIDICULOUS SECRECY.

Every New Administration Seems
to Revel in It.

Office-Holders, When First Clothed
with Authority, Forget That
They Are the Servants of
the People.

[Special Washington Letter.]
The new administration is like all new
administrations. It is secretive. Ad-
ministrations come and go, but they all
begin in a maze of mystery. The political
complexion of the administration
makes no difference. The subordinate
officials make fools of themselves with
equal facility, whether they believe in
free trade, free silver, high protection
or yellow dollars.

Twelve years ago Postmaster General
Vilas, Attorney-General Garland, and
all the members of Cleveland's cabinet,
gave orders to their messengers, chief
clerks and civil service clerks to be care-
ful to give out no information to news-
paper men without first getting per-
mission to do so. As a matter of fact,
the clerks knew what should be given
out as news and what withhold far bet-
ter than the new cabinet ministers
could possibly know; for the cabinet
ministers had much to learn about ex-
ecutive affairs.

Eight years ago the cabinet ministers
of the Harrison administration came
into their places of dignity and power,
and they at once ordered secrecy con-
cerning administrative affairs. Legiti-
mate items of news were hidden away,
for no other reason than that the cab-
inet ministers did not know their own
business, and were groping slowly into
new channels.

Four years ago, when the second Cleve-
land administration began, the secre-
tiveness of the officials was more than
usually dense and exasperating. It was
caused largely by holdover republican
clerks who wanted to migrate them-
selves with the new bosses, by pretend-
ing to closely guard important executive
secrets. Of course, after six months
of experience in every administration,
the cabinet ministers learn their busi-
ness, and are more communicative with
the newsmen. But, four years ago,
there was a density of secrecy that was
as maddening as it was unnecessary.

For example, there are approximately
4,000 presidential post offices, with sal-
aries running from \$1,000 to \$8,000.
The postmaster at each of these places
holds a commission for four years; and
at the expiration of four years a suc-
cessor is appointed. The prominent



HON. JOHN D. LONG.
(The New Secretary of the Navy.)

democrats in every state wanted to
know when these commissions would
expire, in order that they might intel-
ligently plan for their turn at office-
holding. Acting under the advice of an
old holdover republican employee, Post-
master-General Bissell declared that
this information should not be given
out. This angered the newspapermen,
and they tried to get the information
anyway. Each man had his own exper-
ience at that time. I can only narrate
my own:

I was representing the Detroit Tribune,
and sent to that paper a complete
list of the presidential postmasters for
Michigan with the date of the expiration
of each commission and the salary
attached to each office. As the repre-
sentative of the St. Paul Dispatch I sent
that paper a complete official list cover-
ing Minnesota, North Dakota and
South Dakota. To the Des Moines Reg-
ister I sent the complete list for Iowa
and Nebraska.

When those newspapers arrived in
Washington copies were laid before the
postmaster-general, and he was very
wroth. He was anxious to find the
clerk in his department who had given
out the forbidden lists. If he could
only find out all the particulars he
would make some discharges, and teach
his clerks a practical lesson of subordi-
nation. But he could not find out how
the information was obtained.

Having formerly been employed in
the post office department, I was fa-

miliar with the working of the great
postal machinery, the manner and
method of appointments, the book-
keeping system, and all that sort of
thing. I knew that the sixth auditor of
the treasury kept duplicate accounts of
all postmasters in the United States,
and that the books of the auditor must
always tally with the accounts kept by
their third assistant postmaster gen-
eral. The postmaster-general could
suppress news in the post office depart-
ment, but he had no control over the
treasury department. The office of the
sixth auditor of the treasury is purely a
bookkeeping office, and nobody ever
goes there for news. Consequently the
sixth auditor had never been ordered to
suppress news. Therefore, when I
went to the books to get the names,
salaries and dates of commissions of
postmasters nobody interposed any ob-
jection. Thus the lists were obtained
and printed in spite of the postmaster
general. He was afterwards told that
this government has many ramifica-
tions, and that there are various ways
of ascertaining facts.

Another news matter of considerable
importance was harder to obtain, and it
required considerable effort and some
expense to circumvent the officials who
refused to give information. For every
post office there are always two or more
candidates, and sometimes as many as
20 men aspire for a good office. All of
the applications are kept in the office
of the fourth assistant postmaster-gen-
eral, and no clerk can give out the list
of candidates for postmasterships with-
out authority to do so; and there is no
other office in which they can be found.
Postmaster-General Bissell declared
that the names of candidates should not be
published, because it would create
jealousies and rivalries in the various
localities, and that many candidates
did not want their candidacy known in
their own home towns. Thus the chan-
nels of news seemed to be hermetically
sealed.

With a sort of bulldogged determina-
tion to get the news anyway, somehow,
that subject was uppermost in my mind.
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken inter-
nally, acting directly upon the blood
and mucous surfaces of the system.
Price 75¢ per bottle. Sold by all Drug-
ists. Testimonials free.
Hall's Family Pills are the best.

The Wabash to Carson.
By taking the Wabash Cannon Ball
leaving Decatur at 7:30 p. m., Friday,
March 12, you can join the Carson City
special to the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight
which will leave St. Louis via the Mis-
souri Pacific railway at 11 p. m. The
equipment and service will be of the very
best, consisting of Pullman Buffet sleeping
cars and Pullman dining cars, with
every convenience. The rates for this occa-
sion will be very low, being only \$74.40
for the round trip from Decatur. The
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ing cars will be first class, there being a
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The grain dealers will hold their meet-
ing tomorrow at Knights of Pythias hall
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11.00

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The Sunday schools of Decatur circuit are preparing exercises for an Easter concert at each of the church.

There are twenty-one prisoners in the county jail at Champaign awaiting trial at the present term of court.

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5 dwt

Salt mackerel, 5, 10 and 25 cents. Smoked halibut, white carmoy bloaters Pearl Oyster and Fish company, telephone 344—9-dwt

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On Sabbath night, March 21, Rev. A. M. Dandy begins a series of lectures at the Long Creek church. The league will prepare special music and will give all their friends a glad welcome to these lectures. The next one will come at Elwin on Sunday night, March 29.

When Pastor Dandy reached Mt. Zion last Sunday afternoon, he was so spattered with mud that he had to wash his face and threw away his white tie before entering the pulpit. There were several spots on his shirt front that those who sat far back might have taken for an extra display of shirt-studs. Yea, verily.

The Woman's Foreign society of Long Creek are to have their annual thank offering services on Friday night this week. Special music has been prepared and a returned missionary, Miss Franc Baker, is to be present to make an address. They look for a full house and a good time. All will receive a cordial welcome.

The Siler-Hagan special attending the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight will leave Chicago at 6 p.m., Saturday, March 13. Decatur people can join them at either St. Louis or Kansas City by leaving Decatur at 4 p.m. via Wabash railroad, same day. Berths can be reserved or any information had by applying to C. A. Pollock, P. and T. A., Wabash railroad.—3-dwt

The intermediate society of the Baptist church has elected the following officers: President, Willis Bramble; vice president, Pearl Stocks; secretary, W. P. Coughlin; treasurer, Charles Wood. Chairman of committees were named as follows: Lookout, George Owen; prayer, Edna Plumer; social, Bert Paton; music, Anna Kowalski; temperance, Ernest Barber; missionary, Edna Sifer; floor, Edward Jenson; sunshine, Fay Birks. These officers will be installed on the first of April.

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Labor Organizations, Attention.
All members of the various labor organizations of the city are requested to meet tomorrow night at 7:30 o'clock sharp at cigarmakers' hall.

Sons of Veterans.
There will be a meeting tonight of the Sons of Veterans. All the members are requested to attend.

To Stop a Cold in 30 Minutes.
Take Contra-Cold Tablets, guaranteed or money refunded by all druggists, 30c.

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TEN YEARS OLD.
The Christian Endeavor Society of the First Baptist Church.

Last night the First Baptist Endeavor society celebrated its tenth anniversary in a way that will long be remembered by those present. All of the societies of the city had been invited to attend and responded in a way that was most gratifying as the auditorium of the church was filled when the exercises began. The Sunday school orchestra, under the leadership of Prof. Bart Johnson furnished some special music, which was greatly appreciated. A trio by Misses Scruggs and Howard and Mrs. Howard was highly enjoyable to the auditors. Miss Ella Spencer, chairman of the music committee, had charge of the Endeavor choir which led in the well rendered hymns. The principal address of the evening was delivered by Rev. E. B. Rogers, D. D., pastor of the Central Baptist church at Springfield. He took as his theme, the Endeavor pledge and spoke in a very interesting manner on two clauses of the same, referring to our loyalty to Christ and second to loyalty to the church. The hearty applause tendered at the close of the address was indicative of the pleasure with which it was received. The program as rendered, was as follows:

Overture—Sunday school orchestra.

Song, "Onward Christian Soldier"—Congregation.

Scripture reading and prayer—Rev. D. R. MacGregor.

Selection by orchestra.

Letter from Mrs. Collins of Riverside, Cal., read by Miss Sue Dimock.

Anniversary Rhymes—Miss Mary Wood.

Song, "Scatter Sunshine"—Congregation.

The Future of Local Society—President J. L. Deck.

Trio—Mrs. F. P. Howard and Misses Howard and Scruggs.

Address by Rev. E. B. Rogers, D. D., of Springfield.

Song, "Like an Army We are Marching"—Congregation.

Endeavor benediction.

The anniversary rhymes of Miss Wood were especially worthy of note and in verse gave a history of the society during the last ten years. It was well prepared and was received with interest. The president had charge of the exercises.

Tonight the new executive committee of the Endeavor society will hold a meeting at the church to select the committee for the ensuing term.

WILL HAVE MANY BIDDERS.

Indications that There Will be a Lively Fight for the P. D. & E. Road

It is not unlikely that there will be some lively bidding when the P. D. & E. railroad is put up for sale. It is claimed that the Chicago & Alton people want the line and that the Big Four people and the B. & O. are also anxious to secure possession of it. The road, it is said, has been prosperous under the management of the receiver and there is no doubt but that it can be made paying property. Many improvements have been made in the line and as western roads go, its equipment is good. The recent floods have caused some damage to the tracks, but the loss is not serious.

Sales of Real Estate.

Alexander McBride to John Strope, lot 2 in block 7 in the village of Oregon, \$30.

John E. Hard to Joseph C. Hall, lot 5 of H. M. Whitmer's addition to Decatur, \$2000.

Sara Giles to Rachael G. Gallagher, the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, also the north half of the southeast quarter, all in 14, 14, 1 east, also the north half of the southwest quarter of 14, 14, 1 east, \$1,000.

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Funeral Services.

Held This Afternoon at the Presbyterian Church Over the Remains of I. D. Walker.

THE KNIGHT TEMPLARS IN CHARGE.

Members of Macon County Bar, Court Officials, Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias Attend in a Body-Burial at Greenwood Cemetery.

The funeral of the late Isaac D. Walker was held this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church and was largely attended. The services were in charge of Beaumanor Comendery, Knights Templar. The officiating clergymen was Rev. W. H. Penhallegon.

The casket was brought in the church and placed in front of the platform. The seats on the west side of the church were reserved for the members of the Macon county bar and the court officials who attended in a body. Other organizations in attendance were Chevalier Bayard Lodge, No. 189, and Cœur de Leon, No. 17, K. of D., and Decatur Lodge, No. 65, and Celestial Lodge, No. 189, I. O. O. F., and Macon Lodge No. 8, Masons. The members of the organizations were seated in the center of the church behind the family and friends. The music for the occasion was rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. Robert Mueller, Mrs. W. J. Hostetter, C. W. Montgomery and George Dunstan. The selections given were "The Land to Which We Go," "Savior Comfort Me," and "Alide With Me." Rev. Penhallegon preached a brief sermon. He gave a short biography of the deceased and traced the development of his life.

The Knight Templars then conducted their ritual burial service. The burial was at Greenwood cemetery. At the grave short rituals were conducted by the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows. The active pall bearers were six members of the Knights Templar and the honorary pall bearers were as follows: Judge E. P. Vail, Hon. W. E. Nelson and Attorneys Edwin Park, I. R. Mills, J. C. Hostetter and I. A. Buckingham.

The Clerical Tributes.

There was a great profusion of beautiful floral tributes from organizations, relatives and friends, many of the pieces being of massive design.

One was a large floral blanket, 5x7 1/2 feet in size from W. L. Walker, brother of the deceased. It was formed of roses, hyacinths, lilies of the valley, and carnations, the center piece being ascension lilies. It was large enough to cover the casket completely.

A large floral scroll from the members of the Macon county bar was formed of carnations, roses, violets and lilies of the valley.

The offering from Beaumanor Comendery, No. 9, Knights Templar, was a massive cross and crown of calla lilies, purple hyacinths and red roses, symbolic colors of the organization.

A large wreath of Easter lilies, roses and hyacinths, came from the Ewing family.

Handsome designs were sent by Chevalier Bayard Lodge, No. 189, Knights of Pythias, Macon Lodge, No. 8, Masons, and Decatur Lodge, No. 65, Odd Fellows.

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In State.

During the forenoon the remains of Mr. Walker were lying in state at the family home on West Macon street, guarded by members of Beaumanor Comendery, Knights Templar in uniform. Many friends called to take a last look at the body before it was removed to the church.

THE COUNTY BOARD.

The Regular March Meeting of the Supervisors.

This afternoon the regular March meeting of the Macon county board of supervisors began at the court house with Supervisor Ross Hackaday in the chair.

A number of communications were read and referred, as were also a number of bills.

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